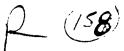
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	DE STAERCKE THEN STATED THAT NOW THAT KHRUSHCHEV HAD AGREED TO "FIRST INGREDIENT" IN CRISIS BY PROMISING TO RENDER INOPERABLE MISSILES IN CUBA, NAC SHOULD THINK OF WHAT WE SHOULD DO NEXT. HE URGED THEREFORE US AND UK FARTICULARLY, BUT ALSO OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS, GIVE SOON—EST AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY REASONS FOR KHRUSHCHEV'S CHANGE OF MIND AND HIS POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIONS. DE STAERCKE EXPRESSED HORE SUCH EVALUATION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR NAC MEETING 31ST.
(	US PROMISED OBTAIN EVALUATION SOONEST, BUT FELT WOULD TAKE LONGER TO GET FULL, MEANINGFUL EVALUATION.
(	DANE, SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, ALSO EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION FOR FIRM, COURAGEOUS AND TACTFUL WAY  PRESIDENT REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"
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PRESIDENT HANDLED VERY SERIOUS CRISIS AND STATED US AMB COPENHAGEN HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY ASKED TO PASS SUCH OFFICIAL APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT.

FRENCH, ALTHOUGH SPEAKING PERSONALLY, STATED HE WAS SURE THAT HIS GOVT WOULD ASSOCIATE ITSELF FULLY WITH STATEMENTS MADE BY DE STAERCKE AND OTHERS ON FIRM, COURAGEOUS WAY PRESIDENT HANDLED CRISIS. HE ADDED HE HAD SHORT DISCUSSION WITH COUVE DE MURVIELE THIS MORNING TO GET LATTER'S PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF KHRUSHCHEV'S ACTION. COUVE HAD SPECULATED KHRUSHCHEV, REALIZING MOST OF WESTERN WORLD WAS SOLIDLY WITH US AND IN FACE OF THE FIRM AND COURAGEOUS WAY PRESIDENT HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE WOULD ACT IF NECESSARY, BECAME FEARFUL THAT HE MIGHT LOSE MORE BY GOING AHEAD THAN CHANGING COURSE. THIS DEVELOPMENT BROUGHT US TO A VERY IMPORTANT STAGE. SITUATION MUST BE CAREFULLY STUDIED AND FUTURE ACTIONS TAKEN AFTER FULLEST EVALUATION OF WHAT NEXT SOVIET MOVES MAY BE.

PRESIDENT ON SUPERE HANDLING OF SITUATION AND STATED HE AGREED WITH DE STAERCKE THAT NOW THAT "FIRST INGREDIENT" HAD BEEN DISPOSED OF, WE SHOULD NOT LET KHRUSHCHEV POSE AS GREAT CHAMPION OF PEACEFUL COEKISTENCE. WE MUST USE THESE FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS TO CONTINUE FORWARD DYNAMISM AND TO WORK TO CONSOLIDATE POSITION OF WEST.

TURKS STATED THAT IT WAS MOST GRATIFYING TO ALL THAT PRESI-DENT HAD BROUGHT ABOUT SUCH DEVELOPMENT BY HIS FIRMNESS AND COURAGE, BUT HE REMINDED NAC WE MUST STILL CONTINUE TO BE MOST VIGILENT. WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE PUT TO SLEEP BECAUSE, AS COUNCIL HAD HEARD OCT. 28TH, AMB. FRANK ROBERTS IN MOSCOW HAD RECALLED TO UK GOVERNMENT THAT WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER KHRUSHCHEV DOES EVERYTHING FOR A PURPOSE, HAS NO RPT NO SET FROGRAM, AND ALWAYS HAS OTHER ROUTES TO FOLLOW. TURK CONTINUED WE MUST ASSUME KHRUSHCHEV MADE HIS MOVE YESTERDAY WITH OTHER ACTIONS IN MIND.

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